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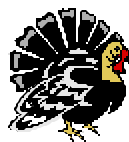
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady to instances firm. Trading centered on a fair volume of hens and toms priced for September delivery and a light volume of packer label hens and toms, basted, netted, with a timer, with price ceilings of 76 on hens and 74 on toms for September shipment. Demand was fair, offerings adequate and held with confidence. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat and frozen tom wings, otherwise light. Supplies of tom wings were adequate to fully adequate, balance adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light to fair, best on tom wings. Fresh thigh meat traded at 92 cents delivered, tom wings moved in a wider trending range of prices. Inquiry slowed and was no better than fair.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 07, 2005**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	63	63.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	1600	MAY-JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	1600	APR
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	62	62.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	64	64.00	18	-	-	-	520	MAY-JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	1600	APR

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EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	73.50	800	SEP	200	SEP
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	72.50	120	SEP	320	SEP

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 08, 2005

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
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8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	63.00	64.25	64.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.40 **	63.70 **	64.30 **
WESTERN REGION	65.60 **	66.00	65.30 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.00	62.25	64.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.00	62.30 **	63.10 **
WESTERN REGION	64.30 **	65.00	63.20 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	64-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 11-APR-2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	78.78	528,000
16-24 lbs.	73.33	30,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	573,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 02-Apr-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
North East	741	2	24.83	(A)	742
South Atlantic	635	9	30.88	(A)	636
North Central	1,964	0	33.21	(A)	1,965
South Central	503	20	20.83	(A)	504
West	338	17	24.84	(A)	339
U.S. total	4,181(B)	5	29.24	5	4,186
To-date					
2005	52,829(B)			47	52,876
To-date					
2004	54,898(B)			104	55,002

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 5,000; for the current year to date 314,000; for last year to date 588,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March	443,608*
April 1 - 2, 2005	19,579*

To date 2005	1,254,227*
To date 2004	1,238,445*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 02-Apr-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,660	2,516	5	5	4,186
Avg Wt	16.37	37.70	28.06	43.08	29.24
Last week	1,468	2,502	15	6	3,991
Same wk yr ago	1,735	2,599	61	7	4,402
Avg Wt	15.42	36.69	23.72	27.14	28.11
To-date/2005	19,960	32,555	314	47	52,876
To-date/2004	22,087	32,223	588	104	55,002

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 07 APRIL 2005.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to fully steady with frozen in the strongest position, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim steady to fully steady, scapula steady and fresh wing meat with skin steady, frozen wing meat with skin steady to barely steady. Demand moderate to good on tom breast meat. Offerings of frozen tom breast meat were held with confidence, fresh tom breast meat ranged light to instances adequate with some noting supplies not as tight as previous weeks. Demand light to moderate on the balance of white with breast trim and destrapped tenderloins the most active. Offerings of breast trim light, scapula and fresh wing meat with skin light to adequate, frozen wing meat with skin adequate to instances fully adequate. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady with continued spot offerings noted. Demand moderate to good. Trading moderate on tom drums and full-cut wings for export and on fresh tom breast meat for domestic, balance slow. For domestic: livers 22.50 delivered pet foods for May shipments, Grade A basted 12-14 lb. breasts 120 cents delivered. Frozen thigh meat 97 cents shipping point for export for May.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	95.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	41.22	46
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	36.00-38.00		36.26	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.87	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	46.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.61	66
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	171.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	168.00-170.00		168.80	200
THIGH MEAT	89.00-90.00		89.63	16
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	92.72	101
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	136.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT	106.00		106.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	155.75	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	172.00		172.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	33.00		33.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-31.00		29.14	560
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-42.00		40.58	344
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00-27.00		25.70	352
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.00-47.00		41.00	156
TAILS		T	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	33.33	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	88.00		88.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 08 APRIL 2005.

The market tone on tom drums and necks was at least steady; tom 2-joint wings mixed, but mostly steady; and tom full-cut wings steady to instances weak. Demand moderate to good on tom full-cut wings for domestic and export shipments and on tom drums for export shipments, balance of tom bulk parts demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom wings ranged adequate to ample, tom necks light, balance light to adequate. Domestic trading was moderately heavy on fresh tom breast meat, moderate on tom full-cut wings, balance light. Export trading was light to moderate. For domestic: frozen 2-10 lb. -20% fat ground turkey 56, frozen thigh trim with bone fragments 47, Grade A and plant grade non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 95, fresh wing meat with skin 106-110, fresh scapula 119-127, fresh ground breast trim 142-147 cents delivered. Fresh thigh meat traded 92 cents delivered export.

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					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	20	157.07	29
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00-42.00		41.19	32	41.19	32
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	40	37.07	86
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-28.00		25.68	293	27.30	694
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	46.00	40	46.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.35	17	22.94	229
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	171.00	40	171.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	168.00-170.00		168.82	662	168.81	1,013
THIGH MEAT		R	89.63	16	89.63	16
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	92.72	101		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	136.00	160	136.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT	106.00-107.00		106.67	60	106.40	100
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	155.75	160		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	169.00		169.00	26	169.75	106
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	33.00		33.00	40	33.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-30.00		29.66	47	29.18	607
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-42.00		41.28	144	40.93	892
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00-35.00		31.06	264	27.73	760
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.00		38.00	104	39.80	260
TAILS		T	26.00	40	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	33.00		33.00	144	32.81	560
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.00		89.00	40	87.23	624

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